

Attorney Docket No. 00826-03
Patent Application Serial No. 10/530,805
Response to 4/26/07 Restriction Requirement

Remarks

Examiner has requested applicants to elect one of the following groups of claims:

Group I, Claims 1-23 and 25-26; drawn to a product: a composition comprising a glutamine-bearing compound; and a first method: a method of enhancing the absorption of a pharmaceutical agent administered orally to a mammal.

Group II, Claims 24 and 27-30; drawn to a second method of reducing the emergence of antiretroviral drug resistance in a chronic wasting patient.

The Examiner further alleges that the claims are directed to more than one species:

Different amino acid sequences: disclosed in claims 7-10, 16-19 and 30;

Antiretroviral drug: protease inhibitor or reverse transcriptase inhibitor, zidovudine, lamivudine, stavudine, didanosine, efavirenz, nevirapine or nelfinavir; and

Protease cleavage site: trypsin, chymotrypsin, Factor Xa, or TEV.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I (claims 1-23 and 25-26), drawn to a product: a composition comprising a glutamine-bearing compound; and a first method: a method of enhancing the absorption of a pharmaceutical agent administered orally to a mammal.

Response to Species Election Requirement

Regarding the amino acid sequences, Applicants hereby provisionally elect ALA(GLN)_n.

Regarding the antiretroviral drugs, Applicants hereby provisionally elect protease inhibitor, nelfinavir.

Regarding the protease cleavage site: Applicants hereby provisionally elect trypsin.

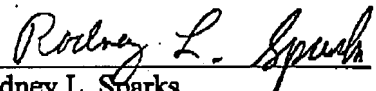
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Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (434) 243-6103.

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